

Application No.: 09/824,612
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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 6, lines 19-30, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A - - Optionally, article 50 may also comprise a protective coating 60 that overlays the reflective layer 54 protecting it from oxidation. ~~Coating 60~~ The coating may be clear or tinted. Examples of protective coating materials that may be used include polymeric materials such as; polyurethanes, polymethylmethacrylate and its copolymers (PMMA), styrene-acrylonitriles (SAN), polystyrene, polycarbonate, organosiloxanes, and amorphous polyolefins or evaporative dielectric coatings such as SiO₂ and TiO₂, as well as other transparent coatings. Coating thicknesses are not a limitation of the present invention but for purposes of enablement, these can range from about 0.005 to about 0.010 inches (0.0127 to 0.254 mm). An important consideration for the performance of the article is that the optional coating be very flat and smooth, and if not, then it must be very thin, so as not to interfere with the reflective properties.- -